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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 LONNIE STALMAN,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 SHERIFF BARNES, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.  
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Case No. 1:21-cv-01035-BAM (PC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 Plaintiff Lonnie Stalman (“Plaintiff”), a former county jail inmate proceeding *pro se*, has  
18 filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

19 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity  
20 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all  
21 defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which  
22 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part  
23 of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an  
24 action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any  
25 defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C.  
26 § 1391(b).

27 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Orange  
28 County, which is in the Central District of California. Therefore, Plaintiff’s claim should have

1 been filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In the interest  
2 of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct  
3 district. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); *Ravelo Monegro v. Rosa*, 211 F.3d 509, 512 (9th Cir. 2000).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United  
5 States District Court for the Central District of California.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: July 6, 2021

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE